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SUBJ: LULSEGED TESFA CASE

REF: (A) ADDIS 3864; (B) STATE 69510

1. PRIME MINISTER ENDALKACHEW CALLED ME RE SUBJECT CASE, SAYING HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY FAMILY. HE REQUESTED MY ADVICE ON HOW HE SHOULD RESPOND. ALTHOUGH PM DID NOT MENTION DETAILS OF FAMILY APPROACH, HE SUBSEQUENTLY SENT COPIES OF LETTERS FROM LULSEGED'S LAWYER TO TEDLA DESTA FAMILY. BASED ON LETTERS, IT WOULD SEEM PM ASKING OUR ADVICE ON HOW HE SHOULD PROCEED RE LAWYER/PARENTS PROPOSAL THAT USG ACCEPT GUILTY PLEA IN EXCHANGE FOR LULSEGED DEPORTATION.

2. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT PORTION LETTER, DATED MARCH 28, FROM ALAN LERNER (OF COHEN, SHAPIRO, POLISHER, SHIEKMAN AND COHEN IN PHILADELPHIA) TO LULSEGED RELATIVES IN ADDIS FOLLOWS:

I SUGGESTED TO US ATTORNEY IN PHILADELPHIA THAT PERHAPS LULSEGED WOULD AGREE PLEAD GUILTY IF STATE AND JUSTICE DEPTS. AGREED DEPORT HIM TO ETHIOPIA IMMEDIATELY, WITHOUT HIS BEING COMMITTED TO JAIL.

I UNDERSTAND THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO ABOVE DEPTS. I INFORMED MR. MAKBIB OF THE ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY OF THIS PROPOSAL AND URGED HIM CONTACT STATE DEPT. AND EMBASSY ADDIS VIA FOREIGN MINISTER

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TO URGE STATE'S AGREEMENT. MAKBIB AGREED. IT MIGHT

BE HELPFUL IF ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION WERE MADE  
THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTER TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN  
ADDIS IN THIS REGARD. END SUMMARY.

3. PREVIOUS BACKGROUND INFO ON SUBJECT DID NOT DISCUSS DEPT.  
ATTITUDE ON GUILTY PLEA/DEPORTATION POSSIBILITY, AND EMBASSY WOULD  
APPRECIATE DEPT.'S RECOMMENDATION ON HOW BEST RESPOND PM IN  
THIS REGARD.

4. FYI - REF A EXPRESSED VIEW TRIAL OF LULSEGED UNLIKELY CAUSE  
"SERIOUS PROBLEM" FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE THINK IEG SUFFICIENTLY  
APPRECIATIVE ENVIRONMENT IN US RE HIJACKING SO THAT CON-  
VICTION OF LULSEGED AND SUBSEQUENT IMPRISONMENT IN US WOULD NOT RPT  
NOT CREATE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE REACTION TO BILATERAL RELATIONS.  
END FYI.

5. ADVISE SOONEST. WYMAN

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